

BRAC Advisory Group Meeting

April 13, 2009

7pm – 9pm

William Ramsay Recreation Center

I. Advisory Group Business/Housekeeping (15 minutes) – Chairman

A. Select Vice Chair – Geoffrey Goodale

B. Meeting process – Advisory group to City Council

C. Scope of the Advisory Group – Resolution 2322

The creation of an advisory group can create a forum for developing ideas and recommendations relating to transportation improvements and other issues associated with the BRAC-133 office building, as well as to serve as a communications forum among all parties.

Administrative and technical staff assistance to the Advisory Group shall be provided by the Department of Planning and Zoning and the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services and supplemented by staff from other City agencies, as necessary.

As per the City Code the term of the Advisory Group shall run for one-year, but can be extended by Council for additional years or until the project is completed.

D. Establish recurring meeting time – Third Wednesday of the Month at the Buddy Ford Nature Center – 5700 Sanger Avenue

E. Identify list of major topics for future meetings

II. Open Items from previous meeting (10 Minutes)

A. Tree Tagging on Beauregard – Duke

The tree tagging is a part of the larger Mark Center tree survey for health and specie

Scope of the survey is for the adjacent streets and the DoD site

Comments – Group wants a 1 for 1 tree replacement and a copy of the tree inventory

B. Parking Garage Charges/Fees – Army

The Federal Government does not charge their employees for parking on Federally owned land – Carter Administration tried to incorporate fees – overturned by the Supreme Court – group would like City attorney to review

C. Retail on Site – Army

Comments – The group in favor of retail within the transit center

D. TMP- Army

Draft statement complete – will be sending out for an RFP soon – it may consider the slip ramp and will include off-site road improvements and mass transit – will take 3-4 months

Comments – The group would like to get a copy of the TMP and the RFP – should improvements proceed prior to the TMP and the other transportation

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studies – the group believes that the DoD is looking at this area piece meal – not comprehensively

Army concerned about timing and not having the improvements in place prior to the occupation of the building

III. Tonight's Topics

A. Road Improvements

1. Description of off-site road improvement (20 minutes) –Duke  
Discussed the improvements of the four intersections of Seminary Road and Mark Center Drive; Beauregard and Seminary Road; Beauregard and Mark Center Drive; Mark Center Drive and Mark Center Drive
2. Plan Review Comments (10 minutes) – City  
Comments: Review the extension of the median on Seminary near Mark Center Drive; provide the group with more information on the triple left hand turn
3. Questions (5 minutes)

IV. IDA Presentation (15 minutes) – IDA

IDA presentation will be available on the P&Z web page – IDA has a previous approval for one large building, this application proposed to phase that approval into two phases with smaller buildings – IDA currently has approximately 600 employees and will add approximately 300 employees with each phase – IDA was approved for 1,258 parking spaces, but will be providing 857 parking spaces

V. Other Road Projects

- A. Slip Ramp Interchange Modification Request Update (5 minutes) – City  
Studies are underway. Expect to have final resolution by the second quarter of 2010
- B. I-395/Seminary Road Interchange Update (5 minutes) – City  
HOT Lanes project proposes to add a new, south-facing connection access/egress point to compliment the existing north-facing connection. Financial closure on the HOT Lanes project is expected to occur in early fall. The BRT Operations Study is in progress and includes consideration of a possible in-line station at Seminary Road. This study is expected to be completed in May or June, before the financial closure on the I-395 HOV/Transit/HOT Lanes project.

Remote Inspection Facility – City

The City does not support the RIF located on the site and wants the RIF to be located off site, have the inspections performed off site, the vehicles sealed at that location and tracked to the site. If the RIF does have to be located on site there may be a better location or way of handling the facility. The deliveries should be made during non-peak hours.

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- VI. Advisory Group Discussion/Q&A of Tonight's Topics (30 minutes)  
The meeting ran over time limit - limited public comment – incorporation of zip cars, incentives for mass transit, tele-commuting
- VII. Advisory Group Letter to City Council – to be discussed next meeting
- VIII. Adjourn